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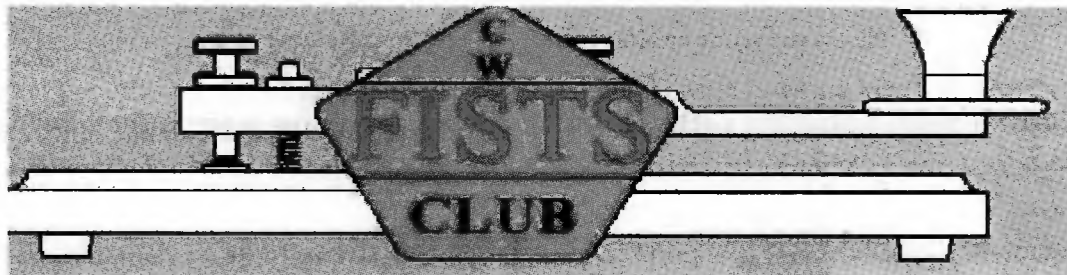
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# "When You've Worked a FIST, You've Worked a Friend"



## North American Memo Issue 4, 2010

Contact: Nancy Kott WZ8C, PO Box 47, Hadley MI 48440 nancy@tir.com 810-338-5335  
Hi FISTS,

Rumors were making the rounds via the internet, but contrary to what you may have heard, I am not in the hospital, there ARE FISTS on the air, and FISTS is alive and well. I apologize for the lack of "regular" Keynotes. We had a fire at FIST HQ and I lost all paper correspondence and other paperwork, the FISTS computer, printer, etc. If you have sent an email, article or letter that I haven't answered or printed, please send it again. The FISTS membership data was backed up in several places off-site, so we were able to recover the most important things. Anyway, we're back "in business" but I'm still learning how to use this new software we acquired to do the Keynote.

This won't be a normal Keynote, but hopefully I will muddle through the manual and learn how to set up a proper newsletter. PO Box 47 is still operational, and my cellphone number is at the top of the page ; the one at HQ won't be functional until we move back in to the office.

On the fun side of things, we now have a page on Facebook! Do a search on us, and become a "friend" or "fan", as it is called when it's a club. Please keep in mind that Facebook is a public forum and anything you post may be read by anyone, anywhere, and will probably be in cyberspace for eternity. If you have an axe to grind or problem, please take it up with me or one of the volunteers before flaming Facebook. FISTS was created to make friends on the bands and encourage newcomers! We don't want FISTS to get the reputation of being snobs and whiney elitists. Encouraging words, offers of skeds, talk about keys and ham related items are more than welcome. Be careful not to fall into the trap of spending time on the computer looking for skeds - get on the air and call CQ as intended. You'd be surprised how many are listening but too intimidated to put out the first CQ.

If your club has a web page that is linked to the FISTS page <http://www.fists.org>, please take a moment to check that the link is still operational. I looked at a few of them the other day, and more than a couple had an incorrect URL or the club had disbanded. If you want to update your club web link, or add one, drop Webmaster Bill a note and he will update them as he gets the time.

Will the OM's who volunteered to handle the K7QO Code Course disks and the email list please contact me at nancy@tir.com?

So without further ado, here is a barebones Keynote for your enjoyment. Thanks for your patience...and thanks to the ZL Chapter for allowing the reprinting of their newsletter. 73 88 33 Nancy WZ8C

## Quick action saves historic Hadley building from fire -Earhart Building dates to 1902

Photos and article by Nancy Elliot - County Press Newspaper

Hadley and Elba Township firefighters were called out Wednesday morning to the Earhart Building in downtown Hadley.



HADLEY — Late Wednesday morning, workers at Warren Design in the historic Earhart Building at 3529 Hadley Road in downtown Hadley noticed a smell and wandered out to investigate. They spotted smoke rolling out from under the eaves at the front of the building. The windows were charred black and they were hot to the touch. “You could feel the heat,” said Bob Warren. He wasted no time dialing 911.

Nancy Kott arrived at her office in the building just in time to hand the keys to the front door over to the arriving firefighters. She runs the International Morse Preservation Society in the facility, serving a worldwide membership of 15,000 in the FISTS CW Club.

Firefighters from Hadley and Elba Townships responded so quickly that the fire never got a chance to spread. They doused the fire with 300 gallons of water. Metamora Township Fire Department was also dispatched for a tanker assist but quickly canceled.

The cause of the fire is as yet undetermined, but the apparent source of the blaze was tossed out to the sidewalk — a combination printer copier machine that likely had an electrical short.

Although firefighters stopped the fire in its tracks and there was no structural damage, Kott’s office up front sustained damages that will render it unusable for a while. The office sustained smoke and heat damage. The ceilings had to be torn down to ensure that no fire spread there.

Kott sadly surveyed the damages with her husband at her side. “My stuff is a mess in there from the water and smoke,” said Kott. “It’s overwhelming. Estimated damage is around \$25,000 for contents and repairs to the office walls and ceilings. Despite the damage, everyone was happy that there were no injuries in the incident.

Kott plans to regroup and get back to the business of the Morse Code club in the Earhart Building office. “I love this building. It has such a history. I enjoy being in here.”

“Hadley and Elba firefighters spent a lot of extra time to make sure there was no fire extension to the rest of the building as well as removing smoke from the facility,” said Hadley Township Fire Chief Kurt Nass.

Other tenants of the building suffered no damage. Warren Design does custom metal work in space toward the rear of the building. Building owner Jim Hebb also runs a custom staircase business in the the last 20 years at the building. The bowstring construction makes for a risky fire attack.

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Other tenants of the building suffered no damage. Warren Design does custom metal work in space toward the rear of the building. Building owner Jim Hebb also runs a custom staircase business in the facility. He was pleased with the fire department response.

“They did a fine job,” said Hebb of the firefighters. “Everybody’s safe.”

The Earhart Building dates back more than 100 years. Hadley Township historian Kent Copeman says that the building was originally built by Murray Phelps for a trucking company. It was later known as the Neu Garage and then as Earhart’s Garage. The cement block and heavy-timber building has stood the test of time. Nass said that this was the third fire in the last 20 years at the building. The bowstring construction makes for a risky fire attack. “We’ve en extremely lucky in each instance. The construction itself is associated with killing a lot of firefighters due to collapse nationwide. We are very selective and aware of the dangers to our personnel when we respond to this building,” said Nass.

Nass noted that the quick action of the Warren Design workers was critical, saying, “If the other occupant hadn’t discovered the smoke the building would have probably been lost.”



*WZ8C surveys the damage to the ceiling which made quite a mess after being torn down to check for “hot spots.” Heavy wet insulation covered the floor, cabinets and desks.*

# WELCOME TO THE NEW FISTS

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 15301 AC0MP RICHARD MO  
 15302 KF6VCI Chris  
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 15338 KC2ZBZ DON NY

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15339 KB2YTM CHARLIE PA  
 15340 KD0GLN JIM IA



Cody, KC2LSD, FISTS #11793 was invited to operate at ARRL HQ this past Field Day. Here's a shot of him operating in studio #1, wearing his FIST logo shirt. The FISTS certificate was hanging just over the radio. He and his friend Pete

KC2PJH were asked if we would like to operate FD from the ARRL. Carl reports that it was a joy and honor. He did all my operating on 15, 40 CW and 80 meter phone.

## **On The Cover - The FISTS QSL Bureau**

We are very grateful to the QSL Bureau and appreciate the fine job they are doing. The Bureau is one more example of our volunteers "behind the scenes" who may not get credit for all they do to make FISTS a premiere CW club. If you hear them on the air, be sure to say Thanks!

**The following is a synopsis of the Bureau by Stan Reas, K4UK**

Since November 1997, members of the Franklin County Amateur Radio Club of Virginia have provided the World Wide QSL service for the International Morse Preservation Society, better known as the FISTS CW Club.

Presently the eight members include:

Riley, K4ORD - handles the "1" calls  
Dick, K1HEL - handles the "2" calls  
Harry, KA3NZR - handles the "3" calls  
Stan, K4UK - handles the "4", "VE" & "DX" calls

Frank, K4HOA - handles the "5" & "8" calls

JJ, W4EIE - handles the "6" calls  
Buddy, W4YE - handles the "7" & "0" calls

Fran, KI4ZND - handles the "9" calls

In nearly 13 years the Bureau has handled 400,145 cards. Until this year, members were requested to send SASEs to the Bureau.

On January 1, 2010 we began a New Approach and don't require members to send SASE's but simply provide us cash or

checks or stamps and we will prepare envelopes with the "Forever" stamp on each of them.

The envelopes will be #10 business size and the "Forever" stamp on it will handle one ounce which is normally 7 cards. We will print out labels per the address that Nancy Kott, WZ8C, has sent us that we have in our members list.

Based on present postage rates the amount deducted for each envelope will be 50 cents. This covers the cost of the envelope, the label and the "Forever" stamp.

For those members who have previously donated money or stamps to the QSL Bureau, we will use these donations to make envelopes when we use their last one to mail cards.

We will continue doing that until the value of the donation is used up.

The Bureau web site <[www.fistsburo.org](http://www.fistsburo.org)> provides information about who uses the Bureau and the status of cards and envelopes we have on hand for them. The "Bureau Use Search" provides a fast method to determine whether a member uses the Bureau or whether the member QSL's direct only or whether the member does not QSL at all.

The "Bureau Status Search" provides a method for members to find out the number of cards and envelopes we have on hand for them here at the Bureau. 73, Stan



# FISTS DOWN UNDER

## Newsletter – December 2010

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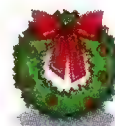
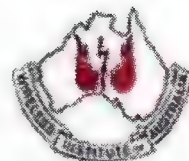
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### SUGGESTED FISTS CLUB CALLING FREQUENCIES

1.808 MHz (160m) – 3.528 MHz (80m) – 7.028 MHz (40m) – 10.118 MHz (30m) –  
14.058 MHz (20m) – 18.085 MHz (17m) – 21.058 MHz (15m) – 24.918 MHz (12m) – 28.058 MHz (10m)

Members are reminded that the above frequencies are suggested calling frequencies. If they are busy, it is suggested that once you establish contact with a station, it may be prudent to change frequency down the band, avoiding other calling frequencies of known clubs.



### NEW MEMBERS

This month we welcome **VK3KX-Derek Dakwins #14125**. Derek is from Vermont South, Victoria. **Vermont South** is a suburb, 20 km east from Melbourne's central business district. It has a population of 11,485. Derek writes: - Finally I am getting back into Amateur Radio after 25 years of inactivity caused by the usual excuses; young family and busy career. I have been licensed since 1974 and I am very pleased to be able to hold the call sign of a famous Victorian amateur, Ron Tandy, who was first licensed in 1931. More on Ron - another time!

Although I passed my CW test way back then, I have rarely used it on air. You can only spend so much time practicing on Rufz and Morse Runner, so now its time to get serious. Hope to catch you on air soon. 73 Derek"

Also we welcome **VK3KAA- Keith Ayton #14126** who resides in Tottenham, Victoria. **Tottenham** is a suburb 9km west of Melbourne. Tottenham is mostly an industrial suburb, with many industrial businesses located therein.



## DOWN UNDER MEMBERS' NEWS

Congratulations to **ZL3REX-Rex #9640** who has just achieved DXCC status. We do not hold that information on the FISTS Down Under data base, so we don't know how many of our members have gained their DXCC status.

Thanks to **ZL1MH-Mike #9038** for including a generous donation when renewing his membership

**Redcliffe and District Amateur Radio Club ZL4RC #9626** reports regularly in WIA News that is distributed weekly. You can subscribe to the newsletter by going to <http://lists.wia.org.au/mailman/listinfo/vk1wia-news> - You will notice that **VK3PC-Jim #9679** is a prolific contributor to the WIA News.



## TRAWLING THE WEB

Morse Key Parade - [http://www.qsl.net/dl1hqe/cw/0\\_parade/2\\_parade.html](http://www.qsl.net/dl1hqe/cw/0_parade/2_parade.html)

All you wanted to know about the allocation of UK amateur radio call signs - [http://www.electronics-radio.com/articles/ham\\_radio/call-signs/uk-amateur-radio-callsigns.php](http://www.electronics-radio.com/articles/ham_radio/call-signs/uk-amateur-radio-callsigns.php)

IARU Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur - <http://www.iaru.org/Eth-operating-EN-iaru-SITE-1july2008.pdf>

History of the Morse Telegraph – [http://www.qsl.net/dl1hqe/cw/0\\_parade/2\\_parade\\_all.html](http://www.qsl.net/dl1hqe/cw/0_parade/2_parade_all.html)



## MORSE EXPRESS CHRISTMAS KEY FOR 2010

*Once again we feature the latest addition to the Christmas Keys collection*

Morse Express has commissioned its tenth annual Christmas Key.

The 2010 Christmas Key is a precision miniature key made by GHD Keys, incorporating traditional Japanese craftsmanship along with GHD's impeccable engineering.

In keeping with GHD's larger keys, the Morse Express 2010 Christmas Key is fully adjustable, with precision pin bearings at the trunnion, miniature binding posts, comfortable knob, and perfect balance. The contacts are hard-silver and the finish is a deep, polished chrome plate.

The distinctive oval base is heavily chromed steel, providing for substantial weight and stability. The knob is hand-turned mahogany. GHD's Toshihiko Ujiie combines modern and traditional techniques to produce a miniature key that will be equally at home in the radio shack, in the field, or decorating a Christmas tree.

The 2010 key weighs a noticeable 2.3 ounces, and in operation it has a surprisingly solid feel, making it unusually comfortable to use for a miniature key.

Each key has a label with "Christmas 2010" and the key's unique serial number. The 2010 Christmas key will add something special to straight key operations through the Holiday season and the US Straight Key Night.



This is a limited edition of 150 keys at a price of \$US 89.95 (plus s/h) available from Morse Express -

<http://www.mtechnologies.com/xmas/>



## UK FISTS INAUGURATES A NEW ACTIVITY

### **The Four Seasons Activity 2011 (NOT A CONTEST!) *Northern hemisphere seasons!***

Winter Season 1st Jan-31st March      Spring Season 1st April-30th June  
Summer Season 1st July-30th Sept      Autumn Season 1st Oct-31st December

Bands:              HF: 160/80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10m-VHF: 6/2/70cm  
Mode:              CW  
Times:              NONE

Score:              1 point per 5minute QSO duration

Example:              QSO duration 0-4min = 0 point

QSO duration 5-9 min = 1 point

QSO duration 10-14 min = 2 points

FISTS members = Double points

Limitations:              Not more than a 30 minute QSO - Not more than 90 minutes QSO Duration with the same station per month

:                      Monthly by the 7th to include:  
DATE, START TIME, END TIME, CALL, BAND, RPRT, NAME, POINTS

Via **Email: m0bpt (at) yahoo.co.uk**. Excel, CSV, Tabbed word format, Open Office if possible please.

Surface mail: **R.D.Walker. 87A Whitehall Road, West Bromwich. B700HG., United Kingdom**

Power              Class A: QRO. - (Up to your countries legal limit. Please be aware of band-plans regarding QRP centres of activity!)

Class B: QRP 5 Watts maximum output from the Transmitter.

General:              Each Season is a separate activity, this means that scores are not carried over!

Contacts made during other FISTS Activities can be used in the FSA!

This activity has been designed to be leisurely with contacts being of quality rather than quantity!

Entrants are respectfully reminded to match the speed wherever possible of their QSO Partner!

Awards: Seasonal certificates will be awarded to the entrant in each class with the most points after each session.

A "GOLD AWARD" Certificate will be awarded to the entrant in each class who has amassed the most points during the activity at the end of the year.

Separate awards issued for each chapter of FISTS. i.e. FISTS EU; NA; DU; and EA Endorsed accordingly.

## MORE RABAU RAMBLINGS

By Syd Sutherland, ZL1BRS #9013

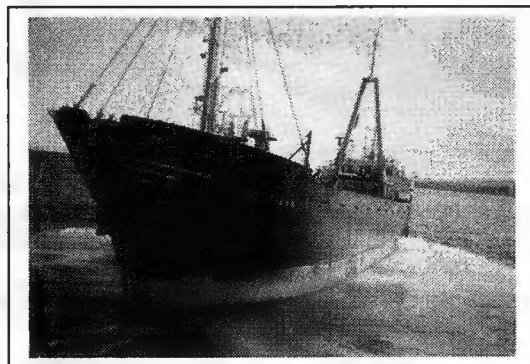
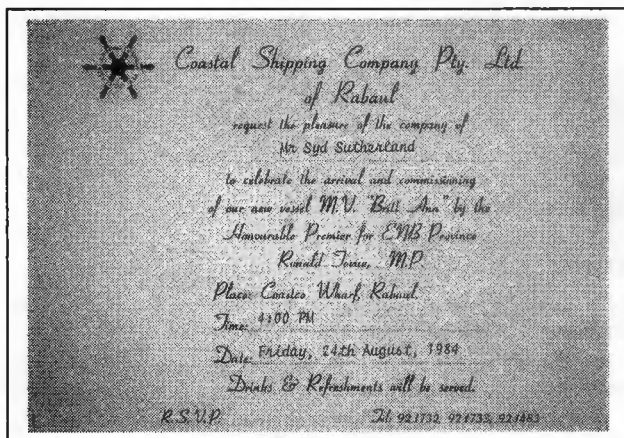
My previous article in our newsletter about Rabaul may have given the impression that life for an Expat Radio Officer at the H24 Radio Coast Station P2R was mostly just shift work, however occasionally a welcome invitation to a social function was received from a local shipping agent.

The stations twice daily Radio Telephone schedules had regular communication with small ships that were operated by the business arms of the Anglican, Catholic and Seventh Day Adventist churches as well as by old established businesses such as Burns Philp whose vessels were named Bursea and Burwave etc.

One such invitation I received was from the Coastal Shipping Company, Pty. Ltd of Rabaul to celebrate the arrival and commissioning of their then new vessel M.V. BRITT ANN, by the Honourable Premier for E.N.B. Province, Ronald Jones M.P.

Photo Below Left: - The Official Invitation

Photo Below Right: - The new coastal vessel "BRITT ANN"



## FOR SALE / OFFERS REQUIRED

**Morsum Magnificat** - The Morse Magazine (**19 Copies**) June 1998 to July 2001 all in good / new condition. Original Cost GB Pounds 2.50 Each. Mail at Cost (Parcel Post) to the Purchaser.

**QST Magazines** – March 2002 to October 2004 (**25 Copies**) in Brand New Condition plus 2 Brand New Official Radio Log Books. Mail at Cost (Parcel Post) to the Purchaser.

**Offers for the above to: -**  
**Syd Sutherland, ZL1BRS,**  
**27, Prosser Street,**  
**Green Island,**  
**DUNEDIN 9018,**  
**NEW ZEALAND.**  
**Telephone (03) 488-2273**

## FISTS DOWN UNDER QSL BUREAU

The QSL Bureau cleared all QSL cards on hand to members on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Cards for overseas members were posted to their respective Managers using the Economy Air Rates to keep costs to a minimum, for this free service. They should arrive prior to Christmas.

## FISTS DOWN UNDER NEWSLETTER

***Remember this is your newsletter!***

Your articles, stories, photographs and items of interest are always needed by your Editor. Once again there will be a prize for the best article received during the coming year ending MAY 2011.

For the Runner Up, there will also be a Special Award of a FREE Subscription for one year to FISTS Down Under. Articles and Photographs may be submitted be either e-mail or post. Those submitted by post will be returned to the sender once dealt with. ***Our addresses are in the newsletter header – please use them!***

**Please think about it!**

**Start writing now!**



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is our last issue for 2010. We will be taking an editorial break and the next issue will appear for February 2011.

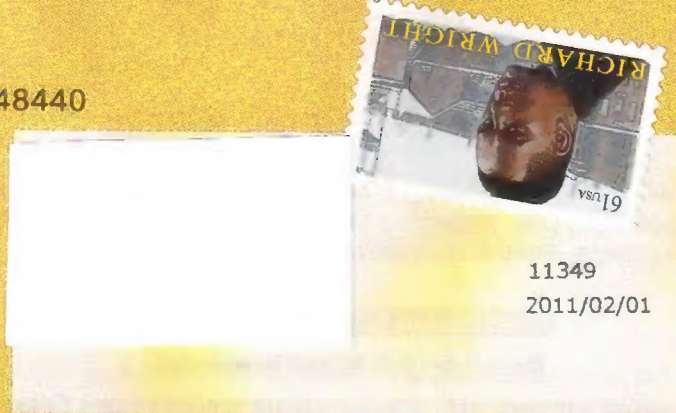
We wish all our members and readers worldwide, their families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of good health and peace. May the propagation gods treat us kindly in 2011

Very 73 de the whole team - ***Nigel*** ZL2TX, ***Chris*** VK2CTN and ***Ralph*** ZL2AOH

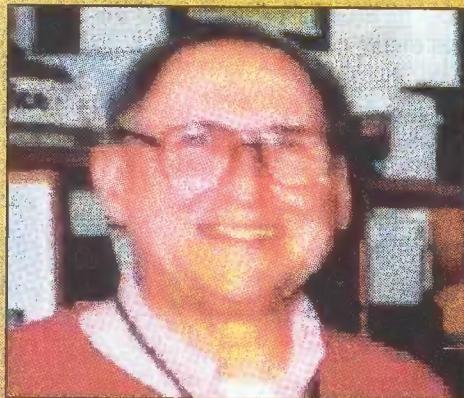


Australia Post's Christmas commemorative stamps for 2010

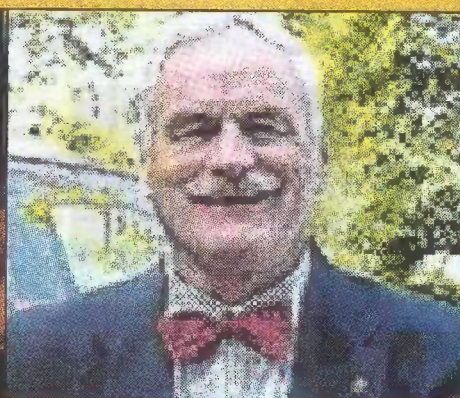
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Please note the RENEWAL DATE on your mailing label. Renewals are \$15/year.  
Send in your stories and photos for The Keynote!



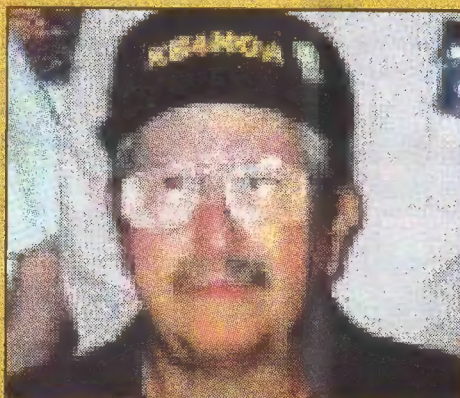
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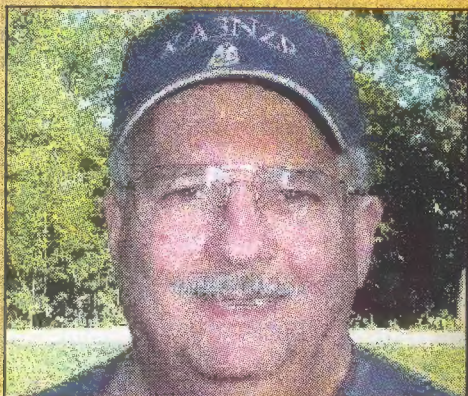
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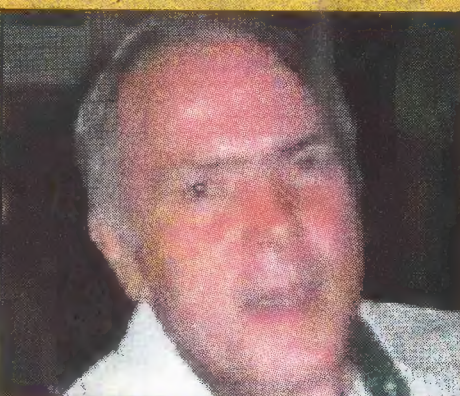
Fran, KI4ZND - 9 calls



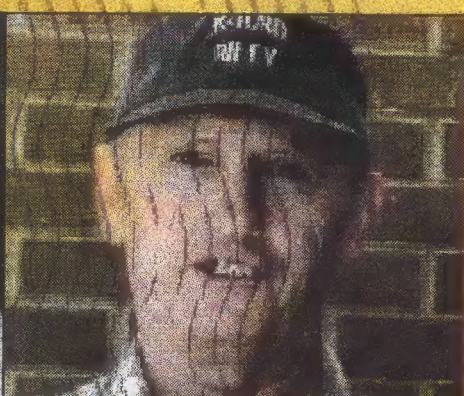
Frank, K4HOA - 5 & 8 calls



Harry, KA3NZR - 3 calls



JJ, W4EIE - 6 calls



Riley, K4ORD - 1 calls

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